

NCPV Hotline — Week of February 1-9, 2007

Weekly News Items

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2-1-07 Suntech America BIPV

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd announced that Suntech America, Inc., its wholly owned subsidiary, will immediately begin marketing and selling building-integrated PV solar products produced by its MSK Corporation unit in the North American market. Mr. Leonard May has been named as Vice President of Business Development of Suntech America. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO518.htm>

Suntech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>

2-1-07 Solar Electric for Hall's Warehouse, New Jersey

Ted Turner stopped by Hall's Warehouse in South Plainfield to announce the installation of a 1.4 MW solar energy system spread across two roofs at the company's site. Turner's venture, DT Solar, sold the system to Hall's Warehouse. Story through Solarbuzz at: <http://www.njbiz.com/article.asp?aID=69764> or <http://www.thnt.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070201/NEWS/702010415/1001> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2zxcgx>

DT Solar: <http://www.dtsolar.com/solar/>

Previous Press: <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2007/01/11/ted-turner-launches-dt-solar-enters-renewables-market/> or <http://tinyurl.com/yvuosu>

2-1-07 DELTA, SOLON, Solland Solar Energy Actions

DELTA will acquire 90% of Solland Solar Energy Holding B.V. shares, directly and indirectly through its subsidiary, Sunergy.

According to related press, SOLON AG has sold its stake of 13.07% in Solland Solar Energy Holding B.V. to two Dutch investors. At the same time, SOLON has renewed its cell supply contract with Solland.

Story through Solarbuzz at: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEU366.htm>

SOLON: <http://www.solonag.de/>

Solland: <http://www.sollandsolar.com/>

DELTA: <http://www.delta.nl/web/show>

<http://www.delta.nl/web/show/id=83436/contentid=2639>

Sunergy: <http://www.sunergy.nl/SUNERGY/SUNERGY1.html>

2-1-07 Conergy in Canada

According to this press, following the majority takeover of ETI SOLAR Energy Technologies Inc., Conergy AG now also ranks among the leading solar system providers in Canada. Press from Conergy:

http://www.conergy.de/en/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=182/271_read-6664/ or <http://tinyurl.com/28u5bo>

Conergy: <http://www.conergy.ca/>

ETI Solar Energy Technologies: <http://www.etsolar.ca/>

2-1-07 More on Global Solar Energy Production

Global Solar Energy, Inc. plans to invest approximately Euro 30 million to set up a production facility for thin-film solar cells in Germany. The facility, which will be built at the Berlin-Adlershof science and technology park, will have a production capacity of about 30 MW. Global Solar Energy's largest customer in 2008 will be SOLON AG, which has held a stake in the company since April 2006. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story;jsessionid=C603FDAAFAA14EDA8FCFC24F76A66B3?id=47300> or <http://tinyurl.com/325rte>

Global Solar: <http://www.globalsolar.com/>

SOLON: <http://www.solonag.com/>

2-1-07 Solar Market Entry

According to this press, although market speculation has arisen that AU Optronics and Chi Mei Optoelectronics are extending their presence into the solar application industry, the companies refuted the claims during recent investor conferences. See "AUO and CMO downplay solar" at DigiTimes:

http://www.digitimes.com/bits_chips/a20070131PD217.html

2-1-07 Carbon Emissions Reductions from Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Report

In a peer reviewed report from the American Solar Energy Society, researchers described how energy efficiency, wind, biofuels and other renewables could become a significant source of U.S. energy supplies over the next 24 years if given the proper incentives. Download the report, "Tackling Climate Change in the U.S., Potential U.S. Carbon Emissions Reductions from Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency by 2030", at: <http://www.ases.org/climatechange/index.htm>

2-1-07 Learning from European Renewable Energy Policies

See the Inside Renewable Energy Podcast, "Learning from European Renewable Energy Policies", at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/podcast;jsessionid=C603FDAAFAA14EDA8FCFC24F76A66B3?id=47281> or <http://tinyurl.com/2r5dq7>

2-1-07 Solar Power Systems for Remote Communities, Brazil

Quantex Capital Corporation announced that Samlex America has successfully completed a pilot project in South America, which could possibly lead to establishing a commercial presence there. The pilot project, a collaboration with the Brazilian government, utility companies and solar power supply vendors, purchased \$250,000 worth of solar power systems for communities in remote areas. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B711BA418%2D04E6%2D47B8%2D828A%2DBBCC9A1CC057%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/23olhd>

Quantex: <http://www.quantex.com/>

Samlex: <http://www.samlexamerica.com/>

2-1-07 More on the Topline Study

See the story "Solar Industry Needs to Take a Leaf Out of Google's Book", at:

<http://biz.yahoo.com/pnews/070201/sfth078.html?.v=76>

Topline Strategy Group: <http://www.toplinestrategy.com/>

2-1-07 Solar LED Lighting

SolarOne® Solutions announced that its standard solar LED lighting systems are now 60% brighter for the same amount of solar energy. Press from SolarOne®:

<http://www.solarone.net/News/PR%20Brighter%20Lights.htm>

2-1-07 More on Solar EnerTech Joint R&D with Shanghai University

See "Solar EnerTech Reviews 2006 Year End" at:

http://www.ecoreporter.de/index.php?action=,97,,121,,157,,_n19364 or <http://tinyurl.com/23ubjf>

Solar EnerTech: <http://www.solarenertech.com/>

2-1-07 Solar in South Korea

See photos at: http://news.yahoo.com/photo/070201/ids_photos_wl/r2316523441.jpg or <http://tinyurl.com/yocco7>
http://news.yahoo.com/photo/070201/ids_photos_wl/r1436620114.jpg or <http://tinyurl.com/2hxz83>

2-1-07 IREC Newsletter

For the latest issue of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council's State & Stakeholder Newsletter, with news from IREC programs; schools going solar; interconnection / net metering; incentives & rebates; community outreach; training & certification; and other news; visit:
<http://irecusa.org/commout/enewsletter.html>

2-1-07 Wharton Technology Conference

The student leadership committee of The Wharton Technology Conference announced that the 11th annual Technology Conference will be held 23 February. One of the key discussion topics is solar technology. More at:
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B1F9CD2C4%2D2086%2D433E%2D8D05%2D15A43356FD81%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2f4aju>
Wharton: <http://www.whartontechconference.com/>

2-1-07 Fiscal Year 2007 2008 Appropriations

The House of Representatives passed the FY 2007 joint funding resolution after extensive discussion on process and earmarks, and it now goes to the Senate. The President's FY 2008 budget proposal will be released on February 5, 2007.

2-2-07 SPECTACLE: Cost Reduction of Solar Electricity

SPECTACLE is a Dutch strategic alliance of 9 partners in PV, including high-tech companies and prestigious research institutes, jointly focusing on cost reduction of solar energy by a factor of 5. SPECTACLE has formulated an ambitious R&D program, which has been submitted to the Dutch Smart Mix subsidy scheme. For more information, see: <http://www.spectacle-alliance.nl/>
Smart Mix: http://www.nwo.nl/subsidiewijzer.nsf/pages/NWOA_6QY9BM_Eng?Opendocument or <http://tinyurl.com/2sdagb>

2-2-07 Advent Solar Factory

See the story "Let the Sun Shine: Advent Solar has moved into Mesa del Sol and is making cells and panels 24/7" from the Albuquerque Journal at: <http://tinyurl.com/22xxko>
Advent Solar: <http://www.adventsolar.com/>

2-2-07 Conergy Factory

The construction and upgrading of what is described as the world's most modern solar wafer, cell and module production factory is underway. The production capacity in the first level of construction will reach 300 MW for wafers, 275 MW for cells, and 250 MW for solar modules. Press at Conergy:
http://www.conergy.de/en/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=182/271_read-6667/ or <http://tinyurl.com/3c5q3v>
<http://www.conergy.de/en/DesktopDefault.aspx>

2-2-07 Sharp Module Production, North Wales

Sharp Corporation will double its production capacity for solar modules during the coming year at Sharp Manufacturing Company of U.K., its production base at Wrexham, North Wales. Capacity will be increased from the current 110 MW (February 2007) to 220 MW annually. Story at Solarbuzz:
<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA147.htm>
Sharp: <http://www.sharp-eu.com/>

2-2-07 SolarPlaza Interview

See the interview with Alain Lévis, chemical engineer at TIV (Thermique Industrie Vide), at SolarPlaza:
<http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/SolarPlazaInterviews/44555> or <http://tinyurl.com/yseolo>
TIV: http://www.tiv-fours.fr/presentation_en.html
More interviews at: <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/InterviewsbySolarPlaza/43577> or <http://tinyurl.com/3yx2uc>

2-2-07 EPV CEO

Energy Photovoltaics, Inc. announced that Scott T. Massie has been appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Massie was formerly the Chief Operating Officer of EMCORE Corporation. See the full press release to be posted at EPV.

<http://www.epv.net/bios/bios/massie.htm>

<http://www.epv.net/>

2-2-07 Trina Solar Agreement with DC Chemical

Trina Solar Limited announced that it has signed a long-term agreement for polysilicon with DC Chemical in Korea. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BB9EEBF3B%2D05C6%2D42A2%2DB171%2DAE2E1D3C4A76%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/3c4euh>

Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/front/en/home.php>

DC Chemical: <http://dcchem.co.kr/>

2-2-07 PV Activities in Japan

The January 2007 issue of PV Activities in Japan is available (by subscription) with extensive coverage of government, suppliers and user activities, PV installations (including photos), new systems and products, and other news. RTS Corporation, Osamu Ikki, President, email ikki@rts-pv.com.

2-2-07 Suntech Power Holdings Results / Guidance

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd announced an update to its 4th quarter 2006 and 2007 guidance, an amendment to the original agreement for the acquisition of MSK Corporation, and an update on its integration of initiatives for the MSK business. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B7CBAAC51%2D58A2%2D45CF%2D8F42%2D54A8BF1C677E%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2x85q7>

MSK Corporation: <http://www.msk.ne.jp/en/index.shtml>

SunTech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>

2-2-07 Akeena Line of Credit

Akeena Solar, Inc. announced it has secured an accounts receivable based \$2.0 million line of credit with Comerica Bank. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B72164A02%2D770D%2D4981%2D9441%2D4B266FBCDCE3%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/24tbu4>

Akeena Solar: <http://www.akeena.net/cm/Home.html>

2-2-07 SunPower Offerings

For more on SunPower's offering of convertible senior debentures, and share lending arrangement, see the press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BEF27CB72%2D578C%2D4FCD%2D89D9%2DF412F626850C%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2lj38r>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/home.html>

2-2-07 Amtech Systems Public Offering

For information on Amtech Systems, Inc. public offering, see the press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BEC45A1B3%2DF404%2D40BA%2D8832%2D35DDDBD527F7%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/238zju>

Amtech Systems, Inc.: <http://www.amtechsystems.com/>

2-2-07 Motech Revenues

PV inverter orders from Marshall Republic have prompted Motech Industries' January revenues to soar.

Press at: http://www.digitimes.com/bits_chips/a20070202VL201.html

Motech: http://www.motechind.com/Motech_Solar.asp

2-2-07 Southwest Solar Power Plant

According to the press, a group of Southwestern utilities is exploring the possibility of developing a 250-MW solar power plant in Arizona or southern Nevada. The utilities are studying a range of solar technologies that could be employed. Stories at: <http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/index.php?sty=83380>
<http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/index.php?sty=83369&source=rss&dest=STY-83369> or
<http://tinyurl.com/2f24z7>

2-2-07 Michigan Energy Plan, Renewables

Michigan Public Service Commission Chairman Peter Lark unveiled the state's comprehensive energy plan calling for 10% of Michigan's energy to be produced by renewable sources by 2015. More at:
<http://tinyurl.com/yu2nk4>
MPSC: <http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc>

2-2-07 Solar Program Review Meeting

The DOE/EERE Solar Program Annual Review Meeting is set for 17-19 April 2007 in Denver, Colorado. For information, visit the Website at: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/review_meeting/index.html

2-2-07 LIPA Solar Pioneer Program

The Long Island Power Authority and the Carle Place School District dedicated the first PV systems to be installed by a Long Island School under LIPA's Solar Pioneer Program. Story at:
http://www.lipower.org/newscenter/pr/2007/012307_solar.html
Solar Pioneer Program: <http://www.lipower.org/cei/solar.html>

2-2-07 Solar Car

The solar-powered car that Newburgh Free Academy students plan to race across the country next summer is being rebuilt with a \$20,000 donation from Ameresco, an energy services company with offices across North America. Story at:
http://www.strausnews.com/articles/2007/02/02/warwick_advertiser/news/18.txt or
<http://tinyurl.com/2p84nz>
NFA Solar Racing Team: <http://www.nfasolar.org/>
<http://www.winstonsolar.org/challenge/>
Ameresco: <http://www.ameresco.com/envsteward.asp>

In related solar news....

2-2-7 Solar Hot Water in South Africa

Eskom is working on plans to offer an incentive to households and businesses to install solar water heaters as one solution to South Africa's electricity crisis. Press at:
<http://www.busrep.co.za/index.php?fArticleId=3658806>
Eskom: <http://www.eskom.co.za/live/index.php>

2-5-07 Q-Cells Silicon Supply / Stake in REC

Q-Cells AG has signed a long-term supply agreement with Elkem Solar, securing significant quantities of metallurgical silicon starting in 2008. In connection with the agreement on silicon supplies, Q-Cells will acquire 17.9% of the share capital in REC Renewable Energy Corporation ASA from Good Energies. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO368.htm>
Q-Cells: http://www.qcells.de/cmadmin_2_474_0.html
Elkem Solar: <http://www.silicon.elkem.com/>
REC Renewable Energy Corporation: <http://www.recgroup.com/>
Good Energies: <http://www.goodenergies.com/en/news.php>

2-5-07 SPIRE Contract

SPIRE Corporation announced that it has entered into a contract to provide a 15-MW turnkey crystalline silicon PV module production line to a new European manufacturer. Press at:
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BD774AD15%2D2276%2D4ED9%2DA955%2D2A39122C70FF%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/ytgkc2>
SPIRE: <http://www.spirecorp.com/>

2-5-07 Dyesol Acquisition of Greatcell

The directors of Dyesol Ltd announced the completion of the acquisition of 99% (see footnote in press) of the stock in the Swiss-based Greatcell Solar SA. Dyesol group company Sustainable Technologies International Pty Ltd, holder of worldwide rights to the Dye Solar Cell Technology (DSC) invention, is the acquisition entity. Press at Dyesol: http://www.dyesol.com/index.php?element=Greatcell_Aquesition
Dyesol: <http://www.dyesol.com/index.php?page=Home>
Greatcell Solar: <http://www.greatcell.com/>

2-5-07 Practical Instruments Partnerships

Practical Instruments announced new partnerships with three Southern California-based installers of solar power systems: Energy Options, Permacity Corporation, and Advanced Solar Electric. More at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BF596755C%2D921F%2D4355%2D8645%2DF2DFF22EB050%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/26x9aI>
Practical Instruments: <http://www.practical-instruments.com/>
Energy Options: <http://www.energyoptions-wind.com/>
Permacity Corporation: <http://www.permacity.com/>
Advanced Solar Electric: <http://www.advancedsolarelectric.com/>

2-5-07 China PV

According to this press, CEEG Nanjing PV-Tech plans an IPO on the New York Stock Exchange this year. Story through SolarPlaza at China Knowledge at: <http://www.chinaknowledge.com/news/news-detail.aspx?id=5816>
CEEG: <http://www.n-pv.com/english/index.asp>

2-5-07 SunPower at Investor Events

SunPower Corporation announced that two members of its executive staff will deliver presentations at key investor conferences during the first quarter of 2007. Information at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B73181EDB%2DCFDE%2D4A00%2D8DC3%2DBD3C143C9027%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2h8cva>
SunPower: <http://investors.sunpowercorp.com/events.cfm>
Credit Suisse Energy Summit: <http://www.csfb.com/conferences/index.shtml>
Piper Jaffray Opportunities in Solar and Cleantech Symposium: <http://www.insidegreentech.com/node/569>
Deutsche Bank 2007 Small Cap Growth Conference: <http://conferences.db.com/americas/smallcap07/>

2-5-07 WorldWater & Power COO & CEO

WorldWater & Power Corp. announced that Frank Smith has joined the company as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Quentin Kelly, Chairman, will reassume the title of CEO. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B52345A8D%2D0A62%2D4245%2D9723%2D647DFCB98972%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/25n8aw>
WorldWater & Power: <http://www.worldwater.com/>

2-5-07 DayStar Restructuring

DayStar Technologies, Inc. announced continued company restructuring by replacing the chairman of the board. On January 22, Randall A. Graves, Jr., a member of DayStar's board of directors since October 2003, was elected by the board to serve as Chairman, replacing John Tuttle until the next annual meeting of the shareholders. Tuttle, who resigned as Chief Development Officer of DayStar to pursue other opportunities, will remain a member of DayStar's board until the next annual meeting of the shareholders. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BEB3A6A7D%2D5974%2D40A8%2D8454%2D10599AFAE01D%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2l6e9s>
DayStar: <http://www.daystartech.com/>

2-5-07 Sunshine Program for Pennsylvania

About \$200 million of the \$850 million Energy Independence Fund proposed in Pennsylvania Governor Rendell's Energy Independence Strategy is designated for a Pennsylvania Sunshine Program. See more on the plan through Solarbuzz at: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/business/s_491593.html or <http://tinyurl.com/25fyh8>

2-5-07 Minnesota Renewables

Minnesota Utility companies would be required to get at least 25% of their energy from renewable sources by 2025 under a bill approved unanimously by a Minnesota Senate committee. The state's largest utility, Xcel Energy, would be required to hit a higher standard of 30% by 2020. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess at: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47330>

2-5-07 Greentech Conference

For a list of speakers for the Greentech Investor Conference, "Investing in the Environment", 21 March, see: <http://www.investorideas.com/forums/Portals/green.aspx>
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B8DF9D62F%2DADA3%2D4E09%2D8AC0%2DEEFD00F62F47%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/yua5oa>

2-5-07 DECKER GARMAN SULLIVAN

Former Under Secretary of Energy David K. Garman has joined with James Decker and John Sullivan to form a new federal relations and management consulting firm, DECKER GARMAN SULLIVAN LLC. Press at: <http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=danews.story&STORY=/www/story/02-01-2007/0004518340&EDATE=THU+Feb+01+2007,+12:00+PM> or <http://tinyurl.com/2yrxuk>

2-5-07 Green Power Markets

See "Growth Spurt for Green Power" at the State Energy Program Website:
http://www.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/feature_detail_info.cfm/fid=62 or
<http://tinyurl.com/2vj5k3>

State Energy Office Project Briefs:

http://www.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/project_briefs_new.cfm or <http://tinyurl.com/2ovbxc>

2-5-07 FY 2008 Budget Proposal / FY 2007 Debate

The President's FY 2008 budget proposal was released today. See solar on pages 11-12 at:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2008/pdf/appendix/doe.pdf>.

The Senate will likely consider the revised continuing funding resolution, 2007, this week.

2-5-07 Sun21

Per this press, a Swiss-made catamaran has become the first solar-powered boat to cross the Atlantic. More on Sun21 at:

http://www.swissinfo.org/eng/top_news/detail/Swiss_boat_claims_first_solar_Atlantic_crossing.html?siteSector=106&sid=7496172&cKey=1170661592000 or <http://tinyurl.com/yqnrwak>
http://news.yahoo.com/photo/070203/photos_sc_afp/55bf1f3e5a857af68dc70748ee643aa5 or
<http://tinyurl.com/ytuop3>

In related solar news...

2-5-07 More on Plans for 250-MW Southwest Solar Power Plant

Tucson Electric Power Co. is among a group of utilities considering plans to build a 250-MW solar power plant in Arizona or Nevada. Press at: <http://www.azstarnet.com/business/167521>

2-6-07 Motech Factory

According to this press, Motech Industries Inc. is planning to build a factory in China, to be located in Kunshan in the eastern province of Jiangsu. Said Jacy Chen, a company spokesperson, "We plan to manufacture silicon ingots, which will be cut into wafers, which will be for export." Press through Solarbuzz at: <http://asia.news.yahoo.com/070206/3/2wzv8.html>
Motech Industries: http://www.motechind.com/Motech_Solar.asp

2-6-07 Hoku / Solar-Fabrik Polysilicon Agreement

Hoku Materials and Solar-Fabrik AG announced that they have increased the total amount of their planned contract to approximately \$175 million, and have extended their mutual deadline to finalize a polysilicon supply agreement. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B1F81BE69%2D05D8%2D4201%2D9A66%2D93E020C7655D%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2mobtg>

Hoku Scientific: <http://www.hokuscientific.com/>

Solar-Fabrik: <http://www.solar-fabrik.com/>

2-6-07 Orkla Shares in REC

According to this press, Orkla has acquired 12.48% shares from the Dutch Good Energies Investment, and now owns altogether 39.99% of the shares in REC. Press at: <http://www.norwaypost.no/cgi-bin/norwaypost/imaker?id=50397>

Orkla: <http://www.orkla.com/eway/default.aspx?pid=229>

Good Energies: <http://www.goodenergies.com/>

REC Group: <http://www.recgroup.com/>

2-6-07 Renewables in Germany

According to this story, German farmers, homeowners and industrialists set a world record for the development of renewable energy in 2006. Germans invested nearly US\$5 billion in new PV systems, employing nearly 35,000 in the solar industry. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47322>

2-6-07 Solar City Project, Australia

Magnetic Island will be the focus of a Solar City project that is targeting the installation of 500 PV systems on about 1/3 of the island's residential and commercial buildings, as well as the installation of smart meters and energy efficiency measures in all 1700 network connected properties. See "Ergon Energy Planning Underway for Solar City Project", at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASPR152.htm>

Ergon Energy: <http://www.ergon.com.au/Default.asp?yf=true&platform=MAC>

Solar Cities: <http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/solarcities/>

2-6-07 Collective Solar Program

SolarCity is holding a discussion on the benefits of solar power and special group incentives for solar packages in Mountain View on 10 February. Information at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B5B204F1F%2D4D95%2D44F5%2DADB E%2DCAA8E0ABBAA4%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2jhjfx>

SolarCity: <http://www.solarcity.com/cpp.aspx>

2-6-07 Canadian Solar at Cleantech Symposium

Canadian Solar Inc. announced that the company is scheduled to present at the Piper Jaffray Second Annual Solar and CleanTech Symposium. Information at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B6AA4AFDA%2DA646%2D444B%2D836 D%2D1EAF7F81268C%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2k6fk9>

Piper Jaffray: <http://www.piperjaffray.com/Conferences>

2-6-07 Conergy Honors

Hans-Martin Ruter, CEO and founder of Conergy AG, has been named "Entrepreneur of the Year" as part of the European Business Awards. Conergy Press at:

http://www.conergy.de/en/DesktopDefault.aspx/tabid-182/271_read-6682/ or <http://tinyurl.com/3csamt>

European Business Awards: <http://businessawardseurope.com/html/winners.html>

2-6-07 Solar Power Inspection Course, California

Akeena Solar, Inc. is sponsoring a course for building and electrical inspectors in the Bay Area taught by John Wiles. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B75B26B61%2DABC3%2D4AFA%2DB042%2D7C0A331A2C9E%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/295xww>

Akeena Solar: <http://www.akeena.net/cm/Home.html>

2-6-07 Finding Solar Suppliers

See "Finding the Top U.S. Solar Suppliers" at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/ate/story?id=47338> or <http://tinyurl.com/2i88y2>

Findsolar.com: <http://findsolar.com/>

2-6-07 Costco Solar Energy System

Costco Wholesale Corp., announced the installation of its second solar energy system at its Lake Elsinore, California warehouse. SunEdison delivered the turnkey solar system. Press at:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR735.htm>

SunEdison: <http://www.sunedison.com/>

2-6-07 FY 2008 Budget Proposal

For the DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy FY 2008 "Budget-in-Brief" and "Budget Request Presentation" go to:

http://www.eere.energy.gov/ba/pdfs/FY08_budget_brief.pdf

http://www.eere.energy.gov/ba/pdfs/FY08_budget_request.pdf

More on the budget proposal at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47337>

The Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee plans a full committee hearing on the FY 2008 budget proposal for the Department of Energy in 7 February.

2-6-07 FY 2007 Appropriations

The Senate will likely debate the revised continuing funding resolution, 2007, this week.

2-7-07 aleo solar Production, Spain

aleo solar AG is launching production at its factory in Santa Maria de Palautordera, near Barcelona. The facility, with a total capacity of 10 MW, will handle production for the Spanish market. Story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA148.htm>

aleo solar: <http://www.aleo-solar.de/>

2-7-07 Octillion Milestones

Octillion Corp. announced it has successfully achieved several milestones towards the realization of nanosilicon PV solar cell-based glass windows. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BDB47A891%2D35C2%2D447C%2D846E%2D4BB30BB58579%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/28ksfv>

2-7-07 Solar America Initiative Draft Plan

Key elements of the Solar America Initiative (SAI) are described within "A Plan for the Integrated Research, Development, and Market Transformation of Solar Energy Technologies", a draft of which is posted at the DOE Solar Energy Technologies Program SAI Web site for initial comments by readers. See:

http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/about.html

pdf: http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/pdfs/sai_draft_plan_feb5_07.pdf

2-7-07 Beer Distributor PV

Point Pleasant Distributors of New Jersey have completed the installation of a 102.9 kW solar electric system located on their roof. The PV system was installed by Jersey Solar and Fai-Gon Electric and comprises 490 PowerLight / SunPower 210 watt PowerGuard® modules and a 100 kW SatCon inverter. Story and photo at:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR736.htm>

Jersey Solar: <http://www.jerseysolar.com/>

PowerLight: <http://www.powerlight.com/>
SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/home.html>
SatCon: <http://www.satcon.com/>

2-7-07 More on Sharp Plant, Wales

For more on Sharp Electronics' expansion of its solar panel plant in Wales, see RenewableEnergyAccess at: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47328> and <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B34E042C2%2DED2A%2D4257%2DB262%2D36DBCBEAA704%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&sybm=> or <http://tinyurl.com/279yrg>
Sharp: <http://www.sharp.co.uk/icat/homesolar>

2-7-07 More on JA Solar Holdings IPO

For more on China's JA Solar Holdings Co. Ltd. IPO, see examples of press at: <http://www.primenewswire.com/newsroom/news.html?d=113281>
http://today.reuters.com/news/articleinvesting.aspx?type=newIssuesNews&storyID=2007-02-07T003627Z_01_N06310764_RTRIDST_0_JASOLAR-IPO-UPDATE-1.XML or <http://tinyurl.com/327g39>
JA Solar: <http://www.jasolar.com/>

2-7-07 Connecticut PV Rebate Program

The Clean Energy Investment Committee of Connecticut Innovations approved several enhancements to the Solar PV Rebate Program, an initiative of the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47354> or <http://tinyurl.com/yq2yph> Connecticut Innovations: <http://www.ctinnovations.com/> Connecticut Clean Energy Fund: <http://www.ctinnovations.com/funding/ccef/about.php>

2-7-07 MMA Renewable Ventures Solar Project Financing

MMA Renewable Ventures, LLC announced that it financed \$39 million worth of new solar energy projects in the last quarter of 2006. MMA Renewable Ventures completed the year having financed 6 projects nationwide from its pipeline of more than 8 MW of new renewable energy systems. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BD0FA8B77%2D92AA%2D4855%2D8B0C%2D5A19A5059DED%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&sybm=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2nlecw> MMA Renewable Ventures: <http://www.mmarenewableventures.com/>

2-7-07 Colorado Renewables

See "Focus on the States: Colorado", by Craig Cox, Interwest Energy Alliance Executive Director, at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/reinsider/story?id=47335> or <http://tinyurl.com/2cdapa> Interwest Energy Alliance: <http://www.interwest.org/>

2-7-07 Xantrex Inverter, Germany

Xantrex Technology Inc. supplied German energy company EnBW Regional AG with a solar grid-tie inverter for a 481 kWp installation at a sport cycling track in Germany. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47353> or <http://tinyurl.com/2us9le>
Xantrex: <http://www.xantrex.com/>

2-7-07 Sustainable Energy Technologies Results

Sustainable Energy Technologies reported results for the fiscal year ended 30 September 2006. For the 2006 corporate update, see: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B3C1439B6%2DD8A8%2D408E%2D8955%2D9EC75839FCDC%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&sybm=> or <http://tinyurl.com/32lh6n> Sustainable Energy Technologies: <http://www.sustainableenergy.com/SET-home/index.html>

2-7-07 Solar Power in Mozambique

The Mozambican Energy Fund plans to install 2,500 solar power systems before the end of June in the provinces of Inhambane and Sofala. Story through RenewableEnergyAccess at: <http://www.macauhub.com.mo/en/news.php?ID=2740>
FUNAE: <http://www.funae.co.mz/en/inscritos2.html>

2-7-07 PV News

The latest issue of PVNews™ is available by subscription from the Prometheus Institute with coverage of industry news; solar in the developing world; an industry interview with Anil Cabraal, Lead Energy Specialist at the World Bank; interim results from analysis of the US PV integrator market; an invited opinion on “lighting the world”; and other topics.

Prometheus Institute: <http://www.prometheus.org>

PVNews™: <http://www.prometheus.org/research/pvnews>

2-7-07 EERE Network News [Kevin Eber]

For the latest issue of EERE Network News, with coverage of the DOE budget request and other topics, visit: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

2-7-07 LADWP Green Power RFP

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is seeking proposals for 2,200 GWh of energy per year from green power resources such as solar, wind, and geothermal power. More at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B0C8EDA11%2D02B6%2D42D6%2DA591%2D1F8922A9725E%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/yq9rva>

Download RFP from: <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp001370.jsp>

2-7-07 Solicitations

See the solicitation “30 Percent Efficiency Multi-Junction Space Solar Cells” at:

<http://www.fbo.gov/spg/USAF/AFMC/AFRLWRS/BAA%2D07%2D02%2DPKM/SynopsisP.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/322n46> See “Solar Powered Water Pump” at:

<http://www.fbo.gov/spg/DOE/BNC/BV/176821%2DJMC%2D07/listing.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/2njcmg>

Others at: <http://www.fedbizopps.gov/> (use keyword search)

2-7-07 Technology for Energy Efficient Homes

GridPoint, Inc.™ announced that GridPoint Connect™ will be showcased by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Building America Program in the energy-efficiency display home built by Palm Harbor Homes at the International Builders’ Show® in Florida. GridPoint will unveil new features of GridPoint Central(SM), an online energy management portal to provide homeowners with detailed information and control over their energy consumption and costs. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B4542CEC5%2D83DB%2D4F92%2DBDE0%2DC60F9F3D1C0F%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2tgofz>

GridPoint: <http://www.gridpoint.com/>

Building America: http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building_america/

International Builders’ Show: <http://www.buildersshow.com/Home/>

More news on GridPoint at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B75413FD0%2D8494%2D425D%2DA2CC%2D070F6B7D1C30%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2qvs6b>

2-7-07 FY 2007 Appropriations

Debate on the revised continuing funding resolution, 2007, is likely in the Senate today.

2-7-07 In related solar news....

Solar Hot Water Heating

FAFCO Inc. announced a lightweight, all-polymer, do-it-yourself solar hot water system designed to reduce water heating bills by up to 50%. Hot2o™ is the culmination of a 10-year collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BCD7FD372%2DECC0%2D483B%2D8822%2D50DF87781017%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2hbwuc>

Hot2o: <http://www.hot2o.com/>

FAFCO: <http://www.fafco.com/>

2-7-07 More on Solar Tower Sites, Texas

A weather station has been installed on land beside the El Paso County Sheriff's Annex to gather meteorological data for a pre-feasibility study to evaluate the viability of Solar Tower operation in the district. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BF8722DB6%2DCA3E%2D4F01%2D9C9B%2DDC0EB0FD707A%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2oelfs>

EnviroMission: <http://www.enviromission.com.au/>

2-8-07 United Solar Joint Venture with Tianjin Jinneng Investment Company

Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. announced that United Solar Ovonic has entered into an agreement to form a joint venture with Tianjin Jinneng Investment Company to establish a 30-MW PV module assembly facility in Tianjin, China. The joint venture, to be owned 75% by United Solar Ovonic and 25% by TJIC, will assemble solar modules using solar cells supplied by United Solar Ovonic's Michigan-based PV cell manufacturing facilities and is expected to begin operation in 2008. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASMA84.htm>

Uni-Solar: <http://www.uni-solar.com/>

TJIC: <http://www.enf.cn/pv/8036c.html>

<http://www.jns.cn/en/index-en.htm>

2-8-07 ECD Succession Planning

Energy Conversion Devices announced that its Board of Directors has established a committee for the purpose of developing and implementing an orderly succession plan for the company's management team. The committee has retained Heidrick & Struggles who is consulting on this process. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BDD58C189%2DB399%2D4217%2DB02E%2D5364DE5D29D3%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ct3n3>

ECD: <http://www.ovonic.com/>

2-8-07 Trina Solar Agreement with Q-Cells

Trina Solar Limited announced that it has entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with Q-Cells. Under this agreement, Trina Solar will supply Q-Cells with at least 18 MW of high-quality monocrystalline wafers, which will be processed into cells for Trina Solar's module assembly facility. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BB6559945%2D2018%2D4D81%2D9D26%2D5DF0BC5E619E%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/286vcd>

Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/front/en/news.php?newid=16>

Q-Cells: http://www.q-cells.com/cmadmin_2_474_0.html

2-8-07 Interview with Solarfun CEO

See SolarPlaza's interview with Lu Yonghua, founder and CEO of Jiangsu Linyang Solarfun Energy at:

<http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/SolarPlazaInterviews/44574> or <http://tinyurl.com/2rha97>

Solarfun: <http://www.solarfun.cn/einfo.htm>

Other Interviews: <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/Interviews%20by%20SolarPlaza/43577> or <http://tinyurl.com/yrnsn2>

2-8-07 China's Solar Power Industry

See the story "China solar power industry grows, but exports overshadow home market" through

SolarPlaza <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/news.php> at: <http://www.euro2day.gr/articlesfna/28370528/>

2-8-07 Suntech Offering

For press on the Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. proposed offering, see RenewableEnergyAccess at:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47363>

Suntech Power Holdings: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>

2-8-07 More on JA Solar IPO

For more on JA Solar's IPO, see the press at:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070207/bs_nm/jasolar_ipo_dc_2 or <http://tinyurl.com/yr6hwl>

JA Solar: <http://www.jasolar.com/>

<http://www.jasolar.com/company/company.htm>

2-8-07 China's Solar Panel Export Prices

According to this press on Global Sources' China Sourcing Report, Solar Panels, 67% of China's solar panel manufacturers plan to raise export prices in 2007. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BF433AA6C%2D693E%2D4276%2DB038%2D57DD2144BE63%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/3xetj7>

China Sourcing Reports: <http://www.chinasourcingreports.com/csr/Hardware-&-DIY/Solar-Panels/p/CSRSRP/Main.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/yp9kpo>

2-8-07 Evergreen Solar Investor Day

Evergreen Solar, Inc. announced that it will be webcasting its Investor Day on 22 February 2007. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B5C936A64%2D7BD7%2D40F4%2DBFF4%2D85E6DA097A97%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/ytz5d6>

Evergreen Solar: <http://www.evergreensolar.com/>

2-8-07 Solar America Initiative, Market Transformation

For information on the Solar America Initiative Market Transformation Funding Opportunity

Announcements and Notice of Opportunity for Technical Assistance, visit the Web site:

http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/foa.html. For example, see the Solar America

Showcases Notice of Opportunity for Technical Assistance at this site and [https://e-](https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/0ba000b968a07c9885256c3f0067b90d/4d9f1b475a721b5585257204004e850e?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,DE-PS36-07GO97008DOE)

[center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/0ba000b968a07c9885256c3f0067b90d/4d9f1b475a721b5585257204004e850e?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,DE-PS36-07GO97008DOE](https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/0ba000b968a07c9885256c3f0067b90d/4d9f1b475a721b5585257204004e850e?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,DE-PS36-07GO97008DOE) or <http://tinyurl.com/szmf5>

2-8-07 PHOTON International Contents

For the contents of the February 2007 issue of PHOTON International, see: <http://www.photon-magazine.com/photon/index.htm>

PHOTON International: <http://www.photon-magazine.com/>

2-8-07 Prism Solar Technologies at the Wharton Technology Conference

Prism Solar Technologies CEO Rick Lewandowski has been selected to be a panelist at the upcoming Wharton Technology Conference on 23 February.

Prism Solar Technologies: <http://www.prismsolar.com/>

The Wharton Technology Conference: <http://www.whartontechconference.com/>

2-8-07 Xcel Solar Power Purchase, Colorado

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission has formally approved a contract that approves Xcel Energy Inc.'s request to buy solar power from SunE Alamosa1 LLC. Story through Solarbuzz

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsPage.asp> at:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2007/02/05/daily53.html>

2-8-07 SPIE Optics & Photonics 2007 – Solar Energy and Its Applications

For information on the SPIE Optics & Photonics 2007 – Solar Energy and Its Applications symposium set for 26-30 August 2007 in San Diego, California, see the invitation to participate and the program topics covering high and low concentration for solar electric applications, solar hydrogen and nanotechnology, PV cell and module technologies, optical modeling and measurements for solar energy systems, organic PV, non-imaging and efficient illumination systems, and thin-film coatings for optical applications, at:

<http://spie.org/conferences/calls/07/op/solar/>

<http://spie.org/conferences/calls/07/op/>

2-8-07 Advanced Energy Results

Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. announced financial results for the 4th quarter and year ended 31 December 2006. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B1813F936%2D5D33%2D4DA7%2D86D0%2D68304F536A39%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2lqhx6>

Advanced Energy: <http://ir.advanced-energy.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=105985&p=irol-irhome>

2-8-07 Renewables in Nova Scotia

The recent mandatory renewable electricity targets as set forth by the government of Nova Scotia state that by 2013, almost 20% of Nova Scotia's electricity will be generated by renewable energy. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47356> or <http://tinyurl.com/2heke5>

Nova Scotia Department of Energy: <http://tinyurl.com/22ohz9>

2-8-07 Solar Roofing Agreements, California

Old Country Roofing signed agreements with Xantrex Technology Inc. and Fat Spaniel technologies to offer comprehensive solar energy conversions and monitoring to Old Country's customers. The company recently partnered with BP Solar to offer BP Solar's roof-tile solar modules. Press at:

<http://eastbay.bizjournals.com/eastbay/stories/2007/02/05/daily30.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/ytjndj>

Old Country Roofing: <http://www.oldcountryroofing.com/>

Xantrex: <http://www.xantrex.com/web/id/1024/solutions.asp>

Fat Spaniel: <http://www.fatspaniel.com/>

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/modularhome.do?categoryId=4260>

2-8-07 More on Costco's PV System

See "Costco's Solar Energy System Just the Start" at Progressive Grocer:

http://progressivegrocer.com/progressivegrocer/headlines/article_display.jsp?vnu_content_id=1003542594&imw=Y or <http://tinyurl.com/ysxcwv>

2-8-07 U.S. Solar Power Market, Report

Research and Markets has added "U.S. Solar Power Market" to their offering. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BF2137DBC%2D4C10%2D4AA4%2DBFAE%2DA07CFE1D6FE4%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2dpbf6>

Research and Markets: <http://www.researchandmarkets.com/reports/c49914>

In related solar news...

2-8-07 Open Energy CSP

Open Energy Corp. announced it has completed the engineering drawings and performance criteria for a commercially viable SunCone™ concentrating solar desalination system. Press at:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47372> or <http://tinyurl.com/336o9r>

Open Energy: <http://www.openenergycorp.com/>

<http://www.openenergycorp.com/suncone/suncone.php>

2-9-07 Advent Solar's Opening Ceremony

Advent Solar, Inc. announced that it plans to hold an Opening Ceremony on 22 February to mark the official opening of its new 25-MW production facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Press at Advent Solar:

http://www.adventsolar.com/company/news_and_events.php

2-9-07 Loans / Credit for Solar Home Systems

New Resource Bank and SunPower have teamed up to offer Solar Home Equity Loans or a line of credit to California residents who want to install solar systems. More on this and other teaming arrangements at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid={C4FC35C3-4E21-4FA3-92A8-FEE54605E2CD}&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk> or <http://tinyurl.com/yrvrhy>

New Resource Bank: <http://www.newresourcebank.com/about-us/news.php> or <http://tinyurl.com/29bf9g>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/home.html>

Related story: <http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid={5DA2370C-3BF6-4E5F-8477-3CD8A22DE81E}&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk> or <http://tinyurl.com/2639pr>

2-9-07 Masco / GE Partnering for Energy Efficient Homes

Masco Contractor Services and GE are partnering to create energy-efficient packages for homebuilders. The collaboration includes an array of GE ecomagination products, including Energy Star Appliances, compact fluorescent lighting, and GE Brilliance solar power systems. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B72991317%2DF8D3%2D42EA%2D94E8>

[%2DDBF4F09B5A74%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=](#) or <http://tinyurl.com/37thhv>
GE: http://www.gepower.com/corporate/ecomagination_home/solar.htm or <http://tinyurl.com/2sxkk2>
GE Ecomagination: <http://ge.ecomagination.com/@v=020220071742@/site/index.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/2vt96r>
MASCO: <http://www.masco-csc.com/>
Environments for Living: <http://www.eflbuilder.com/>

2-9-07 Solar Homes, California

Generation Homes and REC Solar are partnering to build one of the largest solar communities in California. Robert Wood, president and CEO of Generation Homes, announced that they will now include solar energy in all their new home neighborhoods in Fresno and Reedley. Matthew Woods, Director of Sales for REC Solar, believes that developers in the central valley have taken note of the numerous financial and environmental benefits of solar electricity. More at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR737.htm>

REC Solar: <http://www.recsolar.com/>

2-9-07 PVOne Role

PVOne LLC announced its role in the development of a 'brownfields to brightfields' 250 kW PV project in Florida that should be operational in the second quarter of 2007. PVOne negotiated the site lease and a Green Solar Tag Agreement for the installation of the system, and also brought together experienced industry and financial partners to develop the system, which will be deployed by PowerLight. Story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR738.htm>

PVOne: <http://www.pvone.com/>

PowerLight: <http://www.powerlight.com/>

2-9-07 Hoffmann CTO at Applied Materials

Applied Materials announced that it has named Dr. Winfried Hoffmann the Chief Technology Officer of its Solar Business Group, and a member of the management board of Applied Materials GmbH, effective 2 April 2007. Dr. Hoffmann will manage technology development for Applied in the U.S., Europe and Asia from the company's facilities in Germany. He will continue his industry role a President of the European PV Industry Association, and his leadership role with the German Solar Industry Association. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B9E4BF079%2D62FA%2D4158%2DA67D%2D3270B99BD74A%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/3y4kvd>

Bio: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/about/bio%5fwinfried%5fhoffmann.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/2scw7n>

Additional press: <http://www.fabtech.org/content/view/2461/>

Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

2-9-07 ARISE VP and GM

ARISE Technologies Corporation announced the appointment of Sjouke Zijlstra as Vice President and General Manager of its proposed German operations. Press at:

<http://www.centreforenergy.com/displayNewsArticle.asp?From=Sector&template=2,2&NewsID=9759060&ResultCategoryType=2,7&NewsPageID=3> or <http://tinyurl.com/34famz>

ARISE: <http://www.arisetech.com/>

2-9-07 ECD Results

Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. reported its results for the 2nd quarter ended 31 December 2006. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BFD975DF6%2DA9D4%2D4580%2DB3FC%2DE87A5F3A3E94%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2z76jk>

ECD: <http://www.ovonic.com/>

2-9-07 Police Department PV, California

The Rocklin Police Department in conjunction with the City of Rocklin announced the commissioning of its new 143 kWac solar system. SPG Solar designed and installed the system. The system comprises 536 SCHOTT PV panels and a SatCon inverter. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47385&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/2u6e6e>

SPG Solar: <http://www.spgsolar.com/>
SCHOTT: <http://www.us.schott.com/solar/english/>
SatCon: <http://www.satcon.com/>

2-9-07 Alternative Energy Symposium, New York

Piper Jaffray & Co. will host its 2nd annual Opportunities in Alternative Energy Symposium on 21 February 2007 in New York City. The symposium will focus on industry and investment trends in solar, cleantech and biofuels through management presentations by leading public and private companies in the sector and industry panels. The symposium will feature keynote addresses by Andy Karsner, assistant secretary for the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Hermann Scheer, member of the German parliament, general chairman of the World Council for Renewable Energy and president of EUROSOLAR. See more on companies to present at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BA54EB05F%2D1353%2D45D3%2D9DC6%2D0403FE36E76C%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/ytrq7e>

Piper Jaffray: <http://www.piperjaffray.com/Conferences>

2-9-07 SunEdison in CanSIA

The Canadian Solar Industries Association announced that SunEdison LLC has joined the association as a Corporate I member. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47384&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/36c52c>

SunEdison: <http://www.sunedison.com/>

CanSIA: <http://www.cansia.ca/>

2-9-07 XsunX at Wall Street Forum

XsunX, Inc. CEO Tom Djokovich will present an overview of the company's business and growth plans at the 18th annual Wall Street Analyst Forum. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BDCAEE49D%2D16AE%2D4D68%2D9566%2D7D2C6D96A62E%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/24xskz>

XsunX: <http://www.xsunx.com/>

Wall Street Forum: <http://www.analyst-conference.com/>

2-9-07 Organic Photovoltaics 2007

IntertechPira announced the program for Organic Photovoltaics 2007, set for 1-2 May in Baltimore, Maryland. Information at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47386> or <http://tinyurl.com/24u3s5>

Website:

<http://www.intertechusa.com/conferences/conferenceDetail.aspx?displayDetail=overview&WCID=195> or <http://tinyurl.com/2oykwp>

2-9-07 Suntech Investor Day

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. announced that it will host an Analyst and Investor Day in Hong Kong on 26 March and has engaged The Piacente Group to coordinate the event and serve as its primary contact for analysts and investors outside of China. Information at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B531BC1D2%2DC629%2D4F21%2DA06F%2DFCD74E045544%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2z399v>

Suntech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>

The Piacente Group: <http://www.tpg-ir.com/>

2-9-07 Energy Financing and Planning Tool

A new energy financing and planning tool is online, designed to help Pacific Northwest farmers, school systems and government agencies seeking to build, finance and own renewable energy projects. More at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47380&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/34cgjz>

Northwest Community Energy: <http://www.nwcommunityenergy.org/>

Northwest SEED: <http://www.nwseed.org/>

2-9-07 Mastervolt Inverter

Mastervolt announced the launch of AC Master. Press at SolarPlaza:

<http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/MastervoltPressrelease/44577> or <http://tinyurl.com/yqmuaf>

Mastervolt: <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/companydetail.php?id=124>

<http://www.mastervoltsolar.com/>